

**From:** R. Suter Hudson  
**To:** John Ashcroft  
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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

Please read the Microsoft Word 2000 document relative to the Microsoft Settlement.

Thank you.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my feelings about the recent events in the Microsoft anti-trust litigation. I am glad to see that a settlement has finally been reached. However, I can't understand how this case could be prolonged any further. The settlement was negotiated with the help of mediators provided by the courts, so obviously the settlement should be fair.

Microsoft did have some problems, but they are now being resolved by way of this settlement. They are allowing their competitors to use the technologies that they invented, creating a more competitive environment. They are also allowing computer makers to install other products on Windows when they distribute the computers. All of this seems more than reasonable. I used Microsoft's products in my job as a Research Scientist and now use them at home. I like the fact that all of my programs are compatible with one another and that I can easily manipulate them. Why would I want to change that by using a combination of competitive products that aren't even compatible?

Please do your part in ending this lawsuit, for the interest of consumers and the entire economy. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Rick Santorum  
Representative George W. Gekas

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